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THE FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF A NOTE RECEIVED FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE EMBASSY'S AIDE MEMOIRE PRESENTED BY THE AMBASSADOR WHICH REQUESTED A STATUS REPORT ON THE TRIAL OF THE PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF MICHAEL JEROME CYPHER (FATHER CASIMIRO):

"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING NOTE:

'OFFICE OF THE SUPREME COURT. REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS, C.A., TEGUCIGALPA, D.C., JANUARY 12, 1976. MR. ROBERTO PERDOMO PAREDES, MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS. DEAR MR. MINISTER: THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO NOTE NO. 2459-SAC, ADDRESSED TO THE UNDERSIGNED BY MR. VIRGILIO R. GALVEZ MADRID, INQUIRING ABOUT THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING THE DEATH OF THE UNITED STATES CITIZEN, MICHAEL JEROME CYPHER (FATHER CASIMIRO) IN ORDER TO TRANSMIT THIS INFORMATION TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM YOU THAT THE PROCEEDINGS ARE NOW IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OLANCHO; THEY ARE STILL IN THE INVESTIGATIVE PHASE SINCE THERE IS NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION TO BRING THE CASE TO

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TRAIL. THE SUPPOSED RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS ARE IN THE

CENTRAL PENITENTIARY AWAITING THE OUTCOME OF THE PROCEED-
INGS. THIS IS ALL I CAN INFORM YOU DUE TO THE FACT THAT
THE PROCEEDINGS ARE SECRET. I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO YOU THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION. SINCERELY, OTILIO BENEGAS M., SECRETARY.
(SUPREME COURT SEAL)'

"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF
HONDURAS AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO
THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES
OF ITS HIGHEST AND MOST DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION.
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